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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO. MGL-9135

TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. No aircraft were parked at the Cottbus (N 52/A 57) airfield on 17 and 19 August 1950. The hangars were closed. (1)

2. The work on the extension of the runway at the field was done by the Bauunion-South and Bauunion-North Firms. The laborers, including women, worked in two shifts, one shift from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second from 2 to 10 p.m. The runway was about 60x1,600 meters. (2)

3. Laborers working on the runway said that some of the houses on the edge of the field were to be torn down by 1 October 1950 and that others were to be altered to flat-roof houses and painted a dark color. (3) Work at the field was to be completed by 1 October 1950. (4) Most of the laborers would then allegedly be dismissed with only a few hired for work in Weisswasser (O 52/A 74). (5)

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(1) [redacted] Individual planes occasionally land at the field even though construction is going on.
(2) The length reported of the extended runway disagrees with the statements by other sources. When completed the runway will be about 2,200 meters long. See MGL-9116.
(3) This is the first information that the houses will be torn down.
(4) [redacted]
(5) The information on intended construction in Weisswasser has not been confirmed. The report does not indicate whether the Weisswasser airfield is to be improved.

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